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FOLLOWING REPEAT PORT OF SPAIN 0563, SENT SECSTATE 17 FEB:

QUOTEC O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 0563

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TD

SUBJECT: OMEGA TRINIDAD.

REFERENCE: PORT OF SPAIN 469

1. I CALLED ON PERMSEC BALLAH OF MEA TODAY (FEBRUARY 17) TO REQUEST THE REOPENING OF THE OMEGA STATION QUESTION. PRESENTING BALLAH A COPY OF THE INFORMATION SHEET, "INTERNATIONAL OMEGA NAVIGATION SYSTEM," I EMPHASIZED THAT A SHUTDOWN OF OMEGA TRINIDAD BEFORE THE AUSTRALIA STATION IS OPERATIONAL WOULD PRODUCE GAPS IN THE WORLDWIDE SYSTEM AND COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO ALL USERS. THE USG, THEREFORE, WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS, EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL, WITH THE GOTT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF OMEGA TRINIDAD UNTIL THE STARTUP OF THE AUSTRALIA STATION. I POINTED OUT THAT TRINIDAD HAS USED THE OMEGA SYSTEM IN THE PAST AND THAT WE UNDERSTOOD BWIA WAS CONSIDERING INSTALLING OMEGA
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EQUIPMENT IN ITS AIRCRAFT. UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF OMEGA TRINIDAD, I ALSO ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH FM DONALDSON TO MAKE A SIMILAR PRESENTATION TO HIM.

2. IN RESPONSE, BALLAH MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT, BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD RELAY THE INFORMATION I HAD PROVIDED

ON OMEGA TO DONALDSON AND THAT HE THOUGHT A MEETING
WITH THE FM COULD BE ARRANGED SOON. FOX UNQUOTE. VANCE

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